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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



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BRIXTON URBAN DISTRICT

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1957

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the Session 1957/58 was Councillor Mr. L. E. Brimecombe.

Also on the Committee were Councillors F. W. H. Park, C. M. Ashford, Mrs. A. M. Park, S. C. Goss, G. R. Braddick, N. J. Lidstone.

BRIXHAM URBAN DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1957

INTRODUCTION

To the Chairman and Councillors, Brixham Urban District.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Report on the Health of the District in 1957. The Report has been drawn up on the lines suggested by the Ministry of Health. Following my Report is the Report of your Public Health Inspector.

Dr. D. K. MacTaggart was your Medical Officer of Health during 1957. He resigned in September of that year to take up another appointment elsewhere, but the District was fortunate in that Dr. MacTaggart acted as part-time M.O.H. until a new appointment was made on 1st January 1958.

Vital Statistics.

The Registrar General has estimated that the resident population increased by 160 persons to a total of 9,280 people. According to the rate books the number of inhabited houses also increased by over 80 to a total of 3,321.

There were 16 more deaths than births but although the Standardised Birth Rate at 13.0 per 1,000 persons is lower than the Comparable Rate for England and Wales (16.1), it is higher than during 1956. Also the Standardised Death Rate at 10.6 per 1,000 population is not only below the Comparable Rate for England and Wales (11.5) but is lower than during 1956.

Notifiable Diseases.

The District escaped any major outbreak of illness during 1957, but there were 65 cases of measles during the summer months. Nine new cases of tuberculosis were reported, four of them affecting the lungs.

I am grateful to Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Michelmore, and other members of your staff for their help in compiling this report on events which occurred during a year in which I was not your Medical Officer of Health.

JOHN WILDMAN

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Brixham.
September, 1958.

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS, 1957

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1956 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

<u>Estimated Mid-Year Population of Brixham</u>	9,280	(9,120)
Natural increase or decrease	- 16	
Migration in or out	+176	
Total increase or decrease	+160	

GENERAL STATISTICS

<u>Area in Acres</u>	5,626
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<u>Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Book</u>	3,321	(3,235)
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Number of houses per acre	0.58
Number of Persons per acre	1.6
Number of persons per house	2.7

<u>Rateable Value of District (1st April 1957)</u>	£132,068
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<u>Sum represented by a Penny Rate</u>	£528.
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VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS, 1957

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1956 are shown in brackets)

BIRTHS

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 13.0 (12.4)

Area Comparability Factor for Births 1.11(1.12)

<u>Number of Live Births:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	51	58	109
Legitimate:	49	56	105
Illegitimate:	2	2	4
<u>Number of Still Births:</u>	0	2	2

DEATHS

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population: 10.6 (11.43)

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths 0.79 (0.79)

<u>Number of Deaths:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Ages - Total	64	61	125
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year</u>	1	1	2

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 related Live Births: 18.3

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTH RATE	16.1	(15.7)
DEATH RATE	11.5	(11.7)
Infantile Mortality Rate	23.0	(23.8)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified during 1957

Table 1

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Age Group in Years</u>						25-	Over 65
	Total	Under 1	1-	5-	15-			
Scarlet Fever	4	0	2	1	1		0	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0	1	0		0	0
Measles	65	0	18	47	0		0	0
Acute Pneumonia	1	0	0	0	0		0	1
Erysipelas	1	0	0	0	0		1	0
Tuberculosis:								
Lungs	4	0	0	0	1		2	1
Other	5	0	0	0	1		3	1

Table 2

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Incidence by Quarters</u>				
	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Scarlet Fever	4	2	0	2	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0	1	0
Measles	65	0	30	35	0
Acute Pneumonia	1	0	0	1	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0	1	0
Tuberculosis:					
Lungs	4	1	1	2	0
Other	5	1	0	1	3

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1957

Line No.			M	F
	ALL CAUSES	64	61
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	...	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	...	1	1
4	Diphtheria	...	0	0
5	Whooping Cough	...	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections	...	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	0	0
8	Measles	...	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	...	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	2	1
11	" " lung, bronchus	...	5	1
12	" " breast	...	0	3
13	" " uterus	...	0	2
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	5	10
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	1	0
16	Diabetes	...	0	2
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	12	14
18	Coronary disease, angina	...	14	5
19	Hypertension with heart disease	...	0	0
20	Other heart disease	...	6	8
21	Other circulatory disease	...	3	2
22	Influenza	...	0	0
23	Pneumonia	...	3	2
24	Bronchitis	...	3	1
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	0	0
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	1	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	1	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	...	0	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	3	8
33	Motor vehicle accidents	...	0	0
34	All other accidents	...	3	0
35	Suicide	...	0	1
36	Homicide and operations of war	...	0	0
(a)	Still Births	...	0	2
(b)	Deaths of infants under four weeks of age	..	0	1
(c)	Deaths of infants four weeks to one year of age	..	0	0

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

LABORATORY SERVICE.

Laboratory facilities for the bacteriological examination of pathological specimens, samples of milk, water, ice-cream and shell-fish, are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service, at 7 Dix's Field, Exeter (Telephone Exeter 54959)

In emergency, certain (Medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

The Chemical analysis of water and other samples is undertaken by Messrs. Tickle and Reynolds, Public Analysts, 83/84 Queen Street, Exeter.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES.

The following are some of the County Council Services, provided in accordance with the National Health Service Act, 1946, Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, 45 St. David's Hill, Exeter.

Home and Domestic Help

This Service aims to provide essential domestic help in cases of maternity, sickness, convalescence, old age and infirmity, or in any emergency in a household due to illness. The Service is not free, but householders, if unable to pay the full charges, are assessed according to their means.

The Home Help Organiser for the District is Mrs. M. R. Powell Women's Voluntary Service, The Scala Hall, Market Street, Brixham (Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) Telephone Churston 81423.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centre.

There are 3 Nurses and 1 Health Visitor. A Child Welfare Clinic is held at Church House, Bolton Street, Brixham on Tuesday afternoons.

Ambulance Service.

This is under the general direction of the County Medical Officer, The Brixham Ambulance Station (Telephone Brixham 3065) is close to the Fire Station in Bolton Street.

Except in emergency an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

Mental Health.

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Duly Authorised Officers, Miss O. F. Evans and Mr. W. J. Gliddon, Central Clinic, Midvale Road, Paignton (Telephone Paignton 57555)

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

The Brixham Hospital has 23 beds, 18 of which are general medical and surgical; and 5 maternity; and is managed by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee. The District is also served by the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL SERVICES.

There are six Doctors in Practice at Brixham.

DENTAL SERVICE.

There are two dentists in Practice at Brixham.

SECTION C

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR for the year ending
31st December 1957

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Thirtysecond Annual Report, as required by the Minister of Health.

Yours faithfully,

F. L. GODFREY

Public Health Inspector and
Inspector of Meat and Foods.

DRAINS AND DRAINAGE

Drains examined	169
Defective Drains repaired or renewed	35
Existing W.C.'s fitted with flushing cisterns or cisterns renewed	17
Defective traps renewed or replaced with approved stoneware gully traps	5
Defective W.C.'s repaired	9
Automatic cisterns fixed	2
The following sanitary fittings have been installed during the year:	
New baths	119
Toilets	202
Lavatory basins	274
Stalls	14
Scullery sinks	116
Septic tanks	1

82 houses and flats (including Council houses) were completed during the year and considerable time was given to the supervision of the design and construction of drainage systems. The tests and inspections carried out are classified as follows:

<u>New Buildings</u>	Tests of drainage	108
<u>Existing buildings</u>	Tests of drainage	27

Choked drains Informal action was taken in 15 instances to secure clearance of drainage obstructions. The Council does not undertake to clear drainage stoppages, and owners are advised to make private arrangements with local building contractors.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

22 rooms, involving 8 premises, were treated for the following reasons:

Notifiable Disease (including Tuberculosis)	7
Tuberculosis	2
Verminous conditions	13

The following articles were destroyed:

Mattresses	23
Pillows	11
Sheets	14
Bolsters	2
Blankets	7
Other articles	8
	65

Library books fumigated totalled 16.

ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS

The methods employed for the eradication of bed-bugs are:

- (a) Using Gas Blocks for large infestations. This necessitates sealing the premises for one day.
- (b) Using powder with Blower Spray.
- (c) Spraying with "Zaldecide" solution.
- (d) Application of D.D.T. Spray and Powder.

	Infested	Disinfested.
(i) Council Houses	-	-
(ii) Other houses	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

Treatment to private houses is free of charge, but business premises are charged at the rate of 3s. 6d. per hour.

The following table shows the incidence of infestation and action taken, under the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, and is based upon the twelve monthly return submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries:

	Brown	Black	Total
Rats Destroyed, harbour area ..	89	3	92
Rats destroyed, District area .	233	-	233
Mice destroyed, district area .	32	-	32
		Total	357

Local Authority	Dwelling houses.	Type of Property			
		Total	All Other (incl. Business and Industrial)	Total	Agricultural
1. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District (notes 1 and 2)	4	3,225	550	3,779	45
2. No. of properties inspected by Local Authority during 1957 as a result of (a) notification or (b) survey or otherwise (Notes 1, 2, 3)	(a) 4 (b) -	119 240	36 470	155 834	- 27
3. No. of properties (under s.2) found to be infested with rats (Notes 1, 2, 3,)	Maj. - Min. 4	65	- 28	- 97	- -
4. No. of properties (under s.2) inspected which were found to be seriously infested with mice (Notes 1, 2, 3)	Maj. - Min. -	53	- 20	- 73	- -
5. No. of infested properties (under S. 3 & 4) treated by the Local Auth. (notes 1, 2, 3)	4	118	48	170	-
6. No. of notices served under section 4:					
(1) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(2) Structural works (i.e. proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
7. No. of cases in which default action was taken by L.A. following issue of not. u. S. 4.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
9. No. of "block" control schemes carried out	47	-	-	-	-

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Note 1(a) With the exception of agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered in the Valuation Roll for the area (b) Only properties devoted to agricultural or horticultural production in respect of which returns are made under the Agricultural Act, 1947 should be entered as Agricultural properties.
 Note 2 (a) Council houses should be entered in column 2 (b) premises used by the Local Authority for the purposes of trade should be entered in column 3 (c) Sewers should not be included (d) Combined dwellings and business premises, where occupied by the same person should be regarded as business premises, and should be entered in column 3. Where the dwelling and business parts of the premises are in separate occupation, separate entries should be made in Columns 2 and 3.
 Note 3. For the purpose of completing Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 each property should be entered once only in respect of the inspections, infestations and treatments.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

65 inspections were made in respect of 66 premises in the Factories Register. The following tabular return for the year was made to the Ministry of Labour and National Service:

1. Inspections made by Public Health Inspector.

Premises. (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. on Regi- ster (3)	Number of Inspec- tions. (4)	Writ- ten notes. (5)	Occupi- ers pro- secuted (6)
1. Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	17	22	7	
2. Factories not included in 1 in which S. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	31	43	3	
3. Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers premises)	3	1	1		
		49	66	10	

Note (1) Refers to factories in which mechanical power is not used.

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which def- ects were				No. of cases in which pro- secutions were insti- tuted (7)
		Found (3)	Rened- ied (4)	Referred To H.M. (5)	By H.M. Inspeetr (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	4	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	5	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	6	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	7	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	8	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)						
(a) Insufficient	9	-	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuit, or defective	10	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not. spt. for sexes	11	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not. incl. offences relating to outwork)	12	-	-	-	-	-
		2	3	-	3	

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Informal action was taken in respect of 15 premises as follows:

Provide washing facilities and sanitary accommodation	4
Repair and re-decorate sanitary accommodation	2
Provide sufficient ventilation	1

CAMPING SITES

The average number of campers in the area during the last week of July was 6386 adults, 1,303 children, 40 members of youth organisations; contained in 783 chalets, 1,045 caravans, 527 tents.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

There has been no smoke nuisance in the area during the period under review.

SWIMMING POOL.

There is one sea water swimming pool in the Urban area.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary conditions and water supplies of schools within the area remain unchanged.

OLD METAL OR MARINE STORE DEALERS.

No person is registered as a Dealer in Old Metal, under Section 86 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Licence renewals were granted to the original applicants in respect of 3 premises required to be licensed under the Act.

RAG FLOCK ACT, 1951

Three premises are registered under the Act. No premises are licensed for the manufacture or storage of Rag Flock.

HEATING APPLIANCES (FIREGUARDS) ACT, 1952.

Inspections have been made for the purpose of carrying out the duties of this Act, by the Surveyor's Department.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

(a) Total (including the number given separate under (b)):	
I By Local Authority:	
Two-bedroomed houses	12
Three-bedroomed houses	0
Four-bedroomed houses	0
II By other authorities	0
III By other bodies or persons	82
	<u>94</u>

(b) With state assistance under the Housing Acts:

I By the Local Authority:	12
(a) For the purpose of Part II of the Housing Act, 1925	0
(b) For the purpose of Part III of the Housing Act 1925	0
(c) For other bodies	0

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health Act or Housing Acts)	104
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	171
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under the sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	48
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	9
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those refer- red to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	27

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of
formal notices:

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	35
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	25
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(i) By owners	25
(ii) By Local Authorities in default of owners	0
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	12
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(i) By owners	12
(ii) By Local Authorities in default of owners	0
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit	2

4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV: Overcrowding:

(a) (1) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year	0
(2) Number of families therein	0
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	0
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	2
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	2
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	11

- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding 0
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report 0

HOUSING ACTS 1949/55

Two applications for financial assistance towards improvement of housing accommodation were granted during the year.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954.

Five certificates of disrepair were issued during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

The Special Designated Milks on sale in the area are Tuberculin Tested and Pasteurised, Sterilised Milk is not retailed in Brixham.

Dairies and Distributors. There is one dairy registered and thirty-two persons are registered as distributors of milk.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There is no slaughtering except for Casuals in the District. All meat is received from outside the District.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Tuberculosis lbs	Other Diseases & conditions lbs	Total lbs
Beef	-	268	268
Mutton	-	-	-
Pork	-	-	-
Offals	-	-	-
	-	268	268

The total weight of meat and offals condemned was 268 lbs.

Inspection of other Foods.

Unsound Food

List of canned foods rejected:

Meats	41	tins	
Vegetables	14	"	
Fruit	7	"	
Soups	2	"	
Fish	5	"	
Preserves and Pickles	11	"	
Frozen Eggs	<u>(16 lb tins)</u>	<u>2</u>	"
		82	tins

Weight of foods rejected:

Meat	376	lbs
Smoked bacon	16	lbs
Dried Fruits	7	lbs
Fish	376	lbs

Diseases of Animals Act, 1950

No cases were reported during the year.

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Amendment Regulations, 1952

These Regulations allow a high temperature short time heat treatment as contrasted with a longer time at a lower temperature but special apparatus has to be installed to ensure adequate thermostatic control, the maintenance of an even rate of flow during the heat treatment, and an automatic device to divert any mixture which has not been raised to the prescribed temperature.

There is no installation of this type in the District.

Shellfish

No samples were examined during the year.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN.

The number of food premises in the area, by type of business

There are 110 food premises in the area, comprising:

Grocers and Greengrocers	18
Restaurants, Cafes, and Snack Bars	25
Fishmongers:	
Wet	3
Fried	3
Stalls, shell-fish	2
Butchers	8
Baker/Pastrycook Retail Shops	5
Bakehouse and Patisseries	5
Mineral Water and Beer Bottling Establishments	2
Licensed Premises:	
Public	19
Clubs	5
Hotels	8
Wines and Spirits	4
Shellfish Processors	1
Confectioners	2

The number of food premises, by type, registered under Section 14
of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and the number of dairies
Registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

There are 93 vendors and manufacturers registered for the sale or manufacture of ice-cream. The type of premises retailing this commodity are:

Grocers	4
Grocers/Greengrocers	4
Greengrocers/Fruiterers	6
Tobacconist/Confectioners	12
Confectioner/Greengrocer/Fruiterer	4
General Stores	15
Kiosks	6
Multiple stores	3
Holiday Camp Shops, Cafes	13

In addition to the above ice-cream is reailed at 26 shops, restaurants, and snackbars, and 1 cinema.

66 premises are registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale. There is one dairy registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, and one milk bank Depot.

The number of inspections of registered food premises.

Of the 556 inspections of all types of food establishments listed below, 412 inspections were made in respect of registered premises:

Restaurants and Snack Bars	85
Bakehouses	7
Bakers, Confectioners Shops	38
Hotel and Guest House Kitchens	27
Butchers	88
Grocers/Greengrocers	74
Ice Cream Vendors and Manufacturers	62
Dairies	21
Wet and Fried Fish Shops	38
Shellfish Dealers	24
Cooked Meat Vendors	41
Licensed Premises	12
Mineral Water and Beer Bottling Establishments ..	5
Mobile Canteens	3
Mobile Fish Friers	-
Food Delivery Vans and Itinerant Vendors	14

The method of disposal of condemned foods.

All foodstuffs are disposed of under supervision at the Council's refuse tip.

Where special examination of a stock or of a consignment of food has been necessary, the total quantity as well as the quantity condemned

No special examination of a stock or consignment of food was necessary during the year.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS.

The following annual return, in accordance with circular 46/49 Memo 188/Med has been submitted to the Ministry of Health:

Total Number of single cases	Number of cases	Number of Deaths	Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks of each	Goods involved with number of outbreaks of each
Nil	nil	nil	-	-

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1927 AND 1936

22 Licences to store 4,329,840 gallons pf petroleum were issued.

EXPLOSIVES ACTS, 1875 AND 1923

22 Licences were issued for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives.

Classification of stores:

Explosives in magazine, Mode "C"	-	one
Explosives in magazine - Mode "A"-	-	nil
Explosives in magazine - Mode "B"	-	one
Shops for the sale of Class 6		
division 3 explosives - cartridges	-	two
Shops for the sale of Class 7		
division 2 explosives - fireworks	-	eighteen.

SECTION D

RIPARIAN HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1957

RIPARIAN HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM

This report is based on the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Circulars 33/52 and 16/55, and follows the arrangement detailed in Form Port 20.

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
D. K. Mac-Taggart	Medical Officer of Health	1954 to Sept., 1957	M.A., M.B. Ch., B. (Aberd). D.P.H. (Lond).	Medical Officer of Health for Paignton and Borough of Dartmouth
J.H. Wildman	Medical Officer of Health	Jan., 1958	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Lond).	Medical Officer of Health for Paignton and Borough of Dartmouth,
F.L. Godfrey	Public Health Inspector	1926	M.R.S.H. F.A.P.H.I.	

Clerks:- Mrs. S. Michelmore, Mrs. S. Beaumont.

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:-

Town Hall, Brixham. Telephone Brixham 2206.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING
THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	604	78,382	2	11	Nil.
Coastwise	593	212,356	5	23	"
TOTAL	1,197	290,738	7	34	"

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND
TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Number of passengers INWARDS	- Nil.
	Number of passengers OUTWARDS	- Nil.
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS	Oil.
	Principal EXPORTS	Oil, Fish, Limestone.

Principal Ports from which ships arrived in 1957 - Copenhagen,
Gibraltar, Sydney, Kotna, Tripoli, Istanbul, Norfolk, Virginia U.S.A.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic in the area.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS)

REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.

Upton Pyne Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Exeter.
Telephone: Stoke Cannon 207.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the crews.

Arrangements are made by telephone message to the Resident Physician at Whipton Isolation Hospital, Exeter. (Telephone: Exeter 67158). The vehicle is supplied by Exeter City Health Department, and is staffed by the hospital. All members of the crew are vaccinated regularly.

- (3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

The Consultants are:-

Dr. D.F. Johnstone, The Isolation Hospital, Plymouth.
Telephone: Plymouth 64311 and 61437.

Dr. W.H. Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth.
Telephone: Plymouth 5701.

(4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Specimens are sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory, (Virus Reference), Colindale, Hendon, London, N.W.4.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND
OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Dis-ease.	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ports	-	-	-	-

A short account shculd be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

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SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE
OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

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SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS
INFECTED OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

N I L.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS
FROM FOREIGN PORTS

- (1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

The Public Health Inspector makes enquiries of masters of ships as to the presence of, or undue mortality among rats. He also inspects ships, quays, wharves and stores at regular intervals for signs of the presence of rats.

- (2) Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

These examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, 7, Dix's Field, Exeter.

No rodents were sent for examination.

- (3) Arrangements in the District for de-ratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Arrangements are made for this service to be carried out at Plymouth.

- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

This has not been required owing to the limited nature of shipping entering the port.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

89 Brown rats and 3 Black rats were killed in the quays, wharves and stores of the Harbour.

TABLE F

De-ratting Certificates and De-ratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Brixham is not an approved port under Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of Inspections	Notices served		Result of serving notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General 27	-	-	-
TOTAL 27			

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH)

REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens).

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

NO CHANGE.

I wish to express my thanks to the Public Health Inspector for his assistance, and to the Officers of H.M. Customs and the Harbour Master for their co-operation.

JOHN WILDMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

7th March, 1958.

